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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Thank you to the voters of the 143rd District for the honor and privilege you have bestowed in reelecting me to another term in the Connecticut General Assembly. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously.

It is often said that public service is a thankless job. This year's spirited and relatively high profile race for the State House of Representatives proved this adage wrong.

I have been simply overwhelmed and deeply touched by the extremely kind and generous words expressed in your many letters to the editor, as well as by your supportive activities on my behalf. The number of households that were willing to sacrifice their beautifully picturesque landscape by placing a lawn sign on their property was truly amazing and appreciated.

I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers, donors and well wishers who gave their time, talent, financial resources and moral support, especially Janet Bondeson and John Benson. This dedicated "totally volunteer" grassroots army of helpers will forever remain my heroes.

One of the most difficult challenges a candidate faces when running for the State House is distinguishing their race from all the others, especially during an emotional Presidential and Congressional year. I would like to sincerely thank the loyal opposition, Paul Burnham, who substantially raised the public's awareness by running a very good campaign. He added greatly to the quality of this year's race. The print media should also be recognized and appreciated for their balanced and accurate coverage. They work hard, stay up late and edit endless copy to fit limited space. We should never forget that a free press is the backbone to our democracy.

Whenever I encounter tough opposition, my best antidote is taking time out and visiting my constituents in their homes. Without fail, I am reenergized and inspired by the good people that I meet. The vast majority of the public will reach out to you and share their thoughts. We consistently find common ground, regardless of party affiliation. Consequently, I am grateful for the vote of confidence that was reflected in the large

number of cross over votes cast in this race. Please be assured that I will do all that I can keep your trust and to continue to represent all the members of my district equally well.

I must finally thank my husband and children who have been very patient and understanding over the years. They fuel my passion to pursue the public good and I carry them along with you, my constituents, in my heart and mind as I drive each mile up to Hartford and back.

State Representative Toni Boucher
District #143